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Results
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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks.

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Number of Cattle on Feed, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2009-2010

State	December 1 Number on Feed ¹			November Placements			November Marketings			November Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$	2009	2010	$\frac{2010}{2009}$
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	282	249	88	26	22	85	22	23	105	1	1	100
California	465	470	101	50	69	138	53	55	104	2	4	200
Colorado	1,060	1,090	103	165	155	94	140	150	107	5	5	100
Idaho	210	230	110	44	52	118	43	35	81	1	2	200
Iowa	560	630	113	108	114	106	85	90	106	3	4	133
Kansas	2,330	2,360	101	355	375	106	340	400	118	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,410	2,460	102	400	445	111	380	395	104	10	10	100
Oklahoma	375	380	101	57	60	105	53	63	119	4	2	50
South Dakota	235	255	109	67	62	93	35	36	103	2	1	50
Texas	2,760	2,840	103	455	475	104	405	440	109	20	15	75
Washington	172	208	121	47	53	113	29	36	124	1	1	100
Other States	418	437	105	70	76	109	50	51	102	2	2	100
United States	11,277	11,609	103	1,844	1,958	106	1,635	1,774	109	66	62	94

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

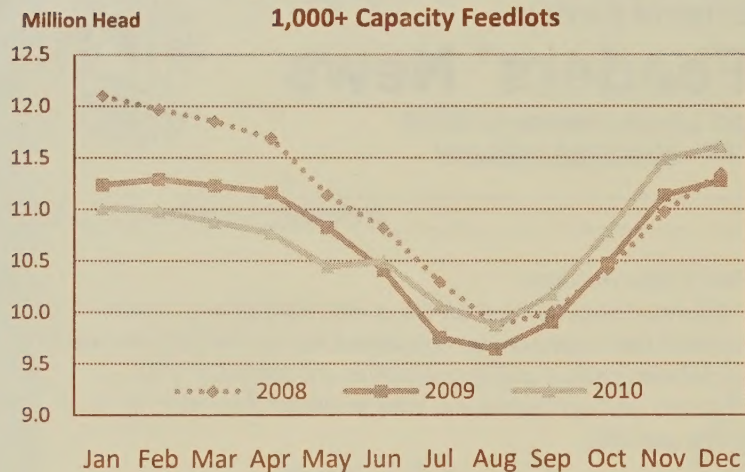
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, December 17, 2010

Number of Cattle on Feed Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2009-2010

State	During November									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	40	45	50	40	35	30	40	40	165	155
Kansas	70	80	105	105	110	120	70	70	355	375
Nebraska	80	110	140	160	80	65	100	110	400	445
Texas	160	195	140	145	100	85	55	50	455	475
Other States	160	195	130	140	69	73	110	100	469	508
United States	510	625	565	590	394	373	375	370	1,844	1,958

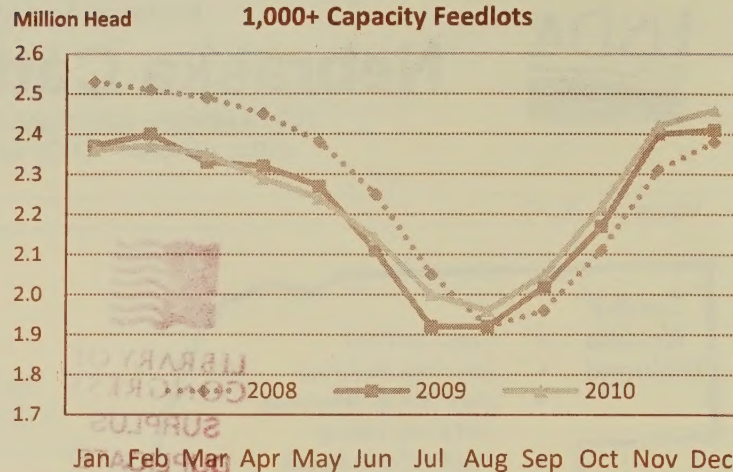
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**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production - United States

(Totals, accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data)

Class	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Nov 2010 as % of		Jan-Nov		
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	2009	2010	10 as % of 09
				Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	1,988.1	2,201.3	2,206.5	111	100	23,495.5	23,713.8	101
Veal	11.5	11.0	11.0	96	100	122.3	119.3	98
Pork	1,908.4	1,988.8	2,055.0	108	103	20,857.1	20,233.4	97
Lamb & Mutton	13.5	12.3	13.5	100	110	146.7	140.4	96
Total Red Meat	3,921.5	4,213.5	4,286.0	109	102	44,621.6	44,206.9	99

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter December 23, 2010

Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, By Class - United States

(Data may not add to totals due to rounding)

Class	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Jan-Nov		Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Jan-Nov	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	2009	2010	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	2009	2010
				1,000 Head	1,000 Head				Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Cattle										
Steers	1,193	1,343	1,337	14,990	15,215	46.7	47.8	47.3	49.9	49.3
Heifers	784	854	849	8,947	9,197	30.7	30.4	30.0	29.8	29.8
All Cows	533	558	592	5,599	5,848	20.9	19.9	20.9	18.6	19.0
Dairy Cows	209	231	241	2,584	2,542	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.2
Other Cows	324	326	351	3,015	3,306	12.7	11.6	12.4	10.0	10.7
Bulls	46	55	52	525	574	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9
Total	2,556	2,809	2,830	30,061	30,834	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	80	70	72	839	788	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	9,099	9,366	9,611	99,518	96,426	96.9	97.0	97.1	96.7	96.9
Sows	257	258	258	2,969	2,713	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.7
Boars	30	27	26	383	337	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Total	9,385	9,651	9,895	102,870	99,477	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	20	15	15	144	146	9.8	7.9	7.6	6.8	7.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	181	170	186	1,962	1,915	90.2	92.1	92.4	93.2	92.9
Total	200	185	201	2,106	2,061	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter December 23, 2010

Beef, Choice Yield Grade 3: Retail, Wholesale, and Farm Values

Year	Retail value	Whole-sale value	Gross farm value	Byproduct allow-ance	Net farm value	Beef price spreads			Farmers' share	Five market steer price	Beef retail value
						Total	Wholesale to retail	Farm to Wholesale			
-----Cents / lb-----								%	\$/cwt.	Cents/lb	
Annual averages											
2004	406.5	218.9	203.5	19.8	183.7	222.8	187.6	35.2	45.2	84.79	361.2
2005	409.1	226.1	211.3	19.6	191.7	217.4	183.0	34.4	46.9	88.02	364.3
2006	397.0	228.0	206.6	19.3	187.3	209.7	169.0	40.7	47.2	86.07	361.3
2007	415.8	231.0	222.6	24.8	197.8	218.0	184.8	33.2	47.6	92.74	377.4
2008	432.5	234.7	223.2	26.2	197.0	235.5	197.8	37.7	45.5	93.01	396.7
2009	426.0	217.2	200.4	19.4	181.0	245.0	208.8	36.2	42.5	83.50	389.3
Monthly values											
Jan-10	418.9	220.4	204.0	22.8	181.2	237.7	198.5	39.2	43.3	85.0	386.7
Feb-10	420.4	221.0	215.7	24.6	191.1	229.3	199.4	29.9	45.5	89.9	392.0
Mar-10	430.8	239.5	228.0	25.4	202.6	228.2	191.3	36.9	47.0	95.0	395.8
Apr-10	444.0	257.1	236.8	25.5	211.3	232.7	186.9	45.8	47.6	98.7	402.7
May-10	446.3	259.2	236.8	25.6	211.2	235.1	187.1	48.0	47.3	98.7	399.8
Jun-10	449.1	240.5	235.2	27.1	208.1	241.0	208.6	32.4	46.3	98.0	406.1
Jul-10	444.4	237.7	223.6	26.0	197.6	246.8	206.7	40.1	44.5	93.2	403.8
Aug-10	437.4	240.9	231.8	26.9	204.9	232.5	196.5	36.0	46.8	96.6	401.5
Sep-10	442.5	244.7	233.7	27.2	206.5	236.0	197.8	38.2	46.7	97.4	404.8
Oct-10	447.3	239.5	236.9	29.5	207.4	239.9	207.8	32.1	46.4	98.7	409.9
Nov-10	448.4	243.9	239.2	30.0	209.2	239.2	204.5	34.7	46.7	99.7	410.4

Source: ERS, USDA December 15, 2010

Feeder Cattle Supply Outside Feedlots

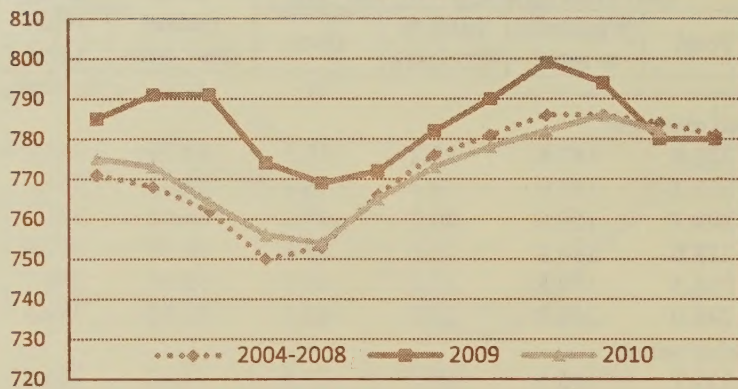
Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change from previous year
On farms January 1:	<i>1,000 head</i>								<i>Percent</i>
Calves < 500 lbs.	15,545	15,200	15,215	15,339	15,311	15,118	14,948	14,949	0.01
Steers over 500 lbs.	16,554	16,201	16,466	16,988	17,185	17,163	16,769	16,440	-1.96
Heifers over 500 lbs. ¹	9,891	9,756	9,690	9,788	9,914	9,793	9,635	9,714	0.82
Total	41,990	41,157	41,371	42,116	42,410	42,074	41,352	41,103	-0.60
On feed January 1 ²	13,122	13,816	13,829	14,286	14,528	14,741	13,778	13,564	-1.55
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on January 1³	28,868	27,341	27,543	27,830	27,882	27,333	27,574	27,539	-0.13
Slaughter January-March:									
Calves	262	227	198	167	212	212	239	237	-0.84
Steers & heifers	6,686	6,440	6,232	6,454	6,570	6,627	6,276	6,443	2.66
Total	6,948	6,667	6,429	6,621	6,782	6,839	6,515	6,680	2.53
On feed April 1 ²	13,201	13,206	13,300	14,310	14,159	14,252	13,704	13,295	-2.99
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on April 1³	21,841	21,285	21,642	21,184	21,469	20,984	21,133	21,128	-0.02
On farms July 1:									
Calves < 500 lbs.	28,900	28,600	28,700	28,700	28,500	28,200	27,900	27,500	-1.43
Steers over 500 lbs.	14,200	14,200	14,600	15,100	14,900	14,700	14,400	14,300	-0.69
Heifers over 500 lbs. ¹	7,700	7,550	7,500	7,800	7,900	7,800	7,750	7,650	-1.29
Total	50,800	50,350	50,800	51,600	51,300	50,700	50,050	49,450	
On feed July 1 ²	11,737	11,739	11,925	12,420	12,621	12,153	11,551	11,940	3.37
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on July 1³	39,063	38,611	38,875	39,180	38,679	38,547	38,499	37,510	-2.57
Slaughter July-September:									
Calves	247	209	185	182	184	255	238	223	-6.43
Steers & heifers	7,870	6,936	7,205	7,220	7,219	7,091	6,814	6,992	2.62
Total	8,117	7,145	7,389	7,402	7,403	7,346	7,051	7,215	2.31
On feed October 1 ²	12,085	12,161	12,036	13,014	12,895	12,278	12,404	12,779	3.03
Feeder cattle outside feedlots on October 1³	30,598	31,044	31,375	31,184	31,002	31,076	30,595	29,456	-3.72

¹Not including heifers for cow herd replacement. ²Estimated U.S. steers and heifers. ³Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook, ERS, USDA November 30, 2010

U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected

Pounds



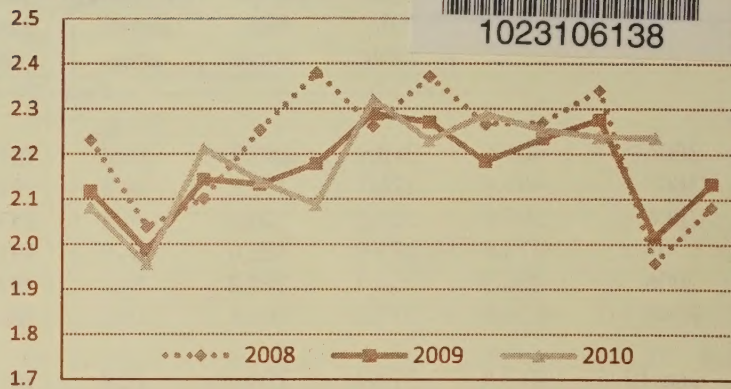
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U.S. Commercial



Million lbs.



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Commercial Pork Production

Million lbs.



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter

Million lbs.



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

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